

11 Marble St.

Roxbury 20, Mass.

Dear Mr. Manley.

I'm sorry we didn't come to any agreement on salary in our discussion, but I believe you can see my point. I would like to know though what you would be willing to offer me for a salary. If we don't agree why not give me a release? Why hold me back? Each time we talk you mention my arm. Well, I've played ball up here ever since I left Newark against clubs and with clubs as good as the white clubs around N. Y. with little or no trouble with it.

3/ I looked around and contacted a boy from New Hampshire who claims to be an outfielder. He's about five feet eight and weighs about one sixty eight. He was going to try out with Memphis so he said. I don't know anything of his ability. He lives in Boston now and he works on the trains, so he could probably come to see you at any time easily so you could see and talk to him about his experience. He's about twenty-four. His address is and name.

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The proof of the clubs being as ¹² good is that the last place club in the league was the one that gave the Black Yankees and the Cubans a beating and tied Birmingham. If my arm was so awfully bad, I see no effort was made to find out while I was in Newark, why ~~it was~~. I'm a lot stronger now, I've been working and all. But that's beside the point.

If we don't, (and we haven't) agree to terms, I'd like to know what the Stars or the Greys can offer. Would you please let me know.

I don't know ~~if~~ why I did, but

4) I've never played much outfield,
but I believe with enough instruction
I could play it. Let me know what
these other clubs can offer also the Cubans.
Probably the change would be for
the best.

Sincerely

Francis Matthews

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